A MOST JOYFULL DECLARATION

Made by Colonell

SKIPON

Sergeant Maior Generall of the whole Army, to his Regiment of Officers and Souldiers, at their Muster at *Maiden-head Ian.* 12.

Wherein he doth most Nobly declare his Resolution to them all, concerning his advancing forwards to the enemy, and to give them Baraile with his Single Remenr of Foote, and his troope of Horse, and Five Peeces of Ordnance.

Likewise a Speech and Protestation to these Captains, namely Sergeant Major *Francis* Captaine *Man*, Captaine *Deacon*, Captaine *Tasker* Captaine *Hawood*, Captaine *Harison*.

Together with their Answer to the same.

Likewise His MAJESTIES Message sent by Cap. Hearne *and read in Guildhall on Fryday last* Ianuary 13. 1643.

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Sergeant Maior Generall of the Army, *January* 12. at the generall Muster at *Maiden-head*.

Gentlemen, fellow Souldiers, and Countrymen,

Have some Propositions that hath within these few hours used from my breast, and having such a faire oppertunity, at this time; I will God willing, de-

clare them unto you, which are as followeth.

Most Renowned, and undaunted spirits, I am so enjoyed to see you all so heartable, in these Military affairs, and in the performance of your duty towards this cause, which you have now undertaken; That I am almost strucken into a sownd for joy, and indeed you have so won my heart, by these your valient actions, that I doe not value my life at the smalest rate it can be valued at, but am willing to spend my dearest blood, in this just cause, and amongst you all.

Gentlemen,

Gentlemen, This which I have declared nnto you, by Gods helpe I will performe; And am willing to hazzard my Life for you all: But to declare my minde more fully unto you, I do desire of you, that you will observe

ſerve and obey theſe my Inſtructions and advertiſments to you all.

I.

I doe exhort you, to ſerve GOD, and to doe your duty towards him; and in ſo doing it will be the greateſt meanes through Gods bleſsing, to make you all Conquerors, and Maſters of the field.

II.

I doe deſire you, that you would offer no abuſe or wrong whatſoever, to any perſon or perſons where you are Quartered, or Billetted; and in ſo doing, you will bring honour, and fame upon your ſelves; And everlaſting Glory and happineſſe to your Soules.

III.

I do here promiſe unto you, that this being performed by you, no duty

ty shall be wanting of my part, That doth belong to any person, honour, and the Military Discipline whatsoever; And as we do all now pray and desire for a seasonable weather, so it is my hearty and earnest desire, so soone as God be pleased to give us such a happy time, to advance toward our enemy, (which are now raised for the after Ruine and destruction of the Protestant Religion; For Gentlemen I must tell you, that your cause is so good, that God had never such a worke in hand, since the first Creation; And for the better encouragement of you all, I do protest and vow unto you, that as God hath beene pleased to infect upon me this little Judgement which I have through my industry obtained unto, in Forraigne Countries.

So am I fully Resolved to declare it to you all, and to shew you what lies in my power, promiseing in the presence

preſence of him that knoweth the ſecrets of all hearts, never to leave you ſo long as J have breath in my body and that ſo long as J have leggs to ſtand on, or hands to hold up my weapon againſt my enemy, I will doe my endeavoure for the defence and ſafeguard of you all, Thus gentlemen J have declared my mind to you J muſt now take my leave, and within theſe few dayes, J willbe with you againe, where J am Reſolved to advance forwards.

This ſpeech was ſpoken January the 12. *at the Generall Muſter at maidenhead, where the ſouldiers with loud acclamations cryed out, that they would loſe their lives with him, deſiring that they might fall on the enemy with all expedition.*

HIS *MAJESTIES* MESSAGE

Sent by Captaine *Hearne*, and reade in *Guild-Hall* on *Fryday* last, 1642.

THat His Majeſty doth not entertaine any miſapprehenſion of the love and loyalty of His City of *London*, but deſires His good Subjects there, conſider what confidence he can have of ſecurity there, whileſt the Lawes of the Land are ſo notoriouſly diſpiſed and trampled under foot, and Armes taken up againſt His conſent, and expreſſe command; and Alderman *Pennington* (Lord Maior) Cap. *Ven*, *Foulk*, and *Manwaring*, are there &c. And His Majeſty would know, whether the Petitioners beleeve, that the reviling the Booke of common-prayer, and complying with, and aſſiſting perſons who have attempted to kill His Majeſty, be to defend His royall perſon and honour? And if they ſhall reforme other things diſpleaſing to His Majeſty, and apprehend and committ to ſafe cuſtody, theſe foure men, His Majeſty will ſpeedily returne to them, and offers a generall pardon, &c. and as for His Maieſties concurrence with the advice of His two Houſes of Parliament, His Majeſty doubts not how farr beyond the example of His Predeceſſors, He hath concurred in paſſing Lawes, and uſed all meanes to beget a right underſtanding betweene Him and them. And will therefore apply themſelves to thoſe, who by Juſt, Peaceable, and honourable Propoſitions to His Maieſty, can onely beget that concurrence.

FINIS.